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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
HIROYUKI HAGIWARA)	Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/649,871)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: August 28, 2003)	
For: INFORMATION RECORDING/ READING APPARATUS)	December 10, 2003

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

REMARKS

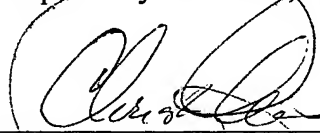
The Witt '464 patent and the Kitano '852 patent (of record) were cited in parent Application No. 09/668,375 and applied against Claim 7 thereof, the corresponding claim of which was cancelled in the present continuation/divisional application. The Examiner is invited to review these references and the rejection set forth in parent Application No. 09/668,375 to consider the basis therefor as may be applicable to the present application.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
PE	5,317,464	05/1994	WITT, ET AL.	360	99.08		
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT		

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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